

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

This is not news but propaganda that if allowed to go unchecked will seriously undermine democracy. Sinclair is everything that Republicans want which is to deny honesty, integrity and respect. They are nothing but a machine for the Republican party disguising itself. The owners of the conglomerate have no desire for fairness or integrity. Should the FCC do nothing to enforce the integrity of the airwaves, it will only further establish its direct conflict of interest to the American people. It will only reinforce that the FCC is also a pawn of the Republican party.

It is a mockery to say that the media is "liberal" when you have an oligarchy of conservative extremists that own and control the public airwaves.

The FCC has grossly failed in its job.

Thank you.